

MUST REPAIR FEDERAL ROADS

FEDERAL AID BILL PROVIDING
\$75,000,000, STRICT IN THIS
REGARD.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—"A stitch in time saves nine," and when this is applied to the repair of improved highways, it means the saving of thousands of dollars a year to taxpayers.

Building the highest types of improved roads and then promptly forgetting them, expecting them to provide their full measure of economic service without further attention, must stop. This, in effect, is the demand of the United States government as expressed in the recently enacted federal aid bill providing \$75,000,000 for road building in 1922.

The provision for compulsory maintenance in the new federal aid bill is one of its most important features. In harmony with the spirit of President Harding's first message to congress, in which he deprecated the failure to give proper attention to roads after construction, the new act lays a heavy penalty upon failure to maintain roads to be constructed with federal aid.

The act defines "maintenance" in its broadest sense as "the constant making of needed repairs to preserve a smooth-surfaced highway."

To insure that each highway aided by the government will receive that kind of maintenance, the act provides that the secretary of agriculture shall serve notice upon any state which allows a road to suffer for lack of maintenance.

If within 90 days after notice the proper attention has not been given to the road, the secretary is authorized to proceed to maintain it himself, and to charge the cost against the federal funds allotted to that state. The secretary is further ordered to refuse to approve any other project in the state until the amount spent for maintenance of the project in question has been refunded by the state. When the money is paid back it is to be re-appropriated among all of the states so that the delinquent state will lose all but a small portion.

Even the highest types of pavement require maintenance at some time or other, but some more than others. A concrete pavement will crack at irregular intervals, and these cracks must be treated to keep the pavement from quickly disintegrating. Bituminous pavements may roll up and develop bad spots occasionally, which spots must be cleaned out and restored. In brick pavements there are times when some structural defect needs to be remedied to prevent impairment of the surface. In the case of secondary pavement types, including the macadam family, periodic restoration and reconstruction are necessary since the advent of motor driven vehicles.

It is, therefore, to the interest of the various states:

1.—To consider, in the selection of pavement types, the question of cost of maintenance over the entire life of the pavement, rather than the first cost alone.

2.—To keep all pavements in a good state of repair.

3.—To keep complete, detailed and accurate records of maintenance costs on all types of pavements.

A number of states, as for example Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts and New York already are keeping such maintenance records, separating the cost on the surface proper from the cost on ditches, shoulders, bridges and signs.

In Illinois, for instance, brick and concrete types are listed as follows in the last report of the state highway commission, the figures showing the average cost for one year of repairing the surface of a mile of 18-foot road way:

Brick, all types, \$ 6.33
Concrete, cement \$12.24
In Ohio, the records are even more complete, revealing the following maintenance costs for one year and per mile of all widths:

Brick, rigid types, \$ 23.
Concrete, cement 98.
Gravel, rolled \$313.
Concrete, bituminous \$345.
Macadam, waterbound, \$381.
Macadam, bituminous \$385.

With the government now adding its influence to promote proper maintenance, it is thought that an increase interest in the keeping of such records will result in great saving to the taxpayers.

ITHACA

Members of the Ladies Circle Club entertained their husbands Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finis H. McKay. Thirty-five partook of the dinner which was served at 6:30 and afterward enjoyed a social evening and program. Club hostess at the next meeting will be Mrs. Joseph Kinsel at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Iseman.

Miss Lois Stanton was called the past week from Wheaton, Ill., where she attends college, by the critical illness of her brother.

The February meeting of Jean Torrence chapter D. A. R. will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Potts.

Mrs. Portia Wells has returned home after spending several weeks with her son, George Wells, in Milwaukee.

C. A. Sevey of St. Johns spent a day the past week with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Sevey.

Rev. William Roberts was in Alma on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Reynolds have moved to Greenville where Mr. Reynolds has a position in a bank.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church held a meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. C. M. Brown.

H. C. Reed was in Saginaw Monday to attend a florists' convention.

Mrs. M. A. Simcox is spending ten days in Mt. Pleasant the guest of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Webb McCall.

Married Thursday, Rev. L. L. Dewey officiating, Clarence E. Helms of Perrinton and Mrs. Maude B. Smith, Ovid.

The ladies of the Social club were entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. N. E. Gibbs. The company numbered 19 members and two visitors, Mrs. John Pinney and Mrs. Ives McCredie. A social afternoon was enjoyed with an interesting contest in which Mrs. Ray McCall won the honor. After exchanging books a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess. Next meeting of the club will be entertained by Mrs. Howard Mathews at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathews.

Dr. Carl Ranger who has been very ill is improving slowly.

Ezra Devereaux was called home from Wheaton, Ill., the past week by the illness and death of his grandmother, Mrs. William Gamble, of Alma.

Mrs. M. C. Lake and son, Carl, left Friday to join Mr. Lake at Lakeland, Fla. Mr. Lake has been there two months.

A small company was entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peabody the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Peabody's father, Charles Peabody.

The Traveling Salesman, a play written by James Forbes is to be given by the Ithaca Community Players Club Thursday evening Feb. 9, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society.

Elmer Voreess of Sidney, Ohio, is spending a few weeks at Ithaca with his brother, J. L. Voreess.

The Past Noble Grand club will meet with Mrs. Robert McNabb Tuesday, February 14. Important business matters have to be disposed of at this meeting and it is desired that every member be present.

Mrs. Libbie Watkins and Mrs. Alice Clark were called Monday to Grand Rapids because of the death of a sister's husband, Curtis Wilbur.

Mrs. W. E. Pierce and daughter, Mrs. Earl Willert, of Middleton were guests Friday of Mrs. R. P. Reynolds. The north division of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church held a meeting Wednesday with their president, Mrs. Norton Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reed and children were guests Sunday of the former's mother, Mrs. W. T. Reed, in Ovid.

Friday evening the Yinger quartette of St. Louis will give an entertainment at the Ithaca M. E. church.

N. E. Glassbrook, state manager for the Ohio National Insurance company in Michigan, and L. B. Dolsen, district manager of Grand Rapids with their wives were guests at the banquet given Thursday evening at the Seaver house at Ithaca for Ohio National men in Gratiot county. Myron E. Burkett district manager of this county presided as master of ceremonies of the after dinner program.

RIVERDALE

Mrs. Fred Leiter has been spending the past week with relatives at Detroit.

Mrs. Norman Brownridge and daughter, Margaret, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Bush of Isabella county for several days last week.

Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Morey of Breckenridge were Riverdale visitors Thursday.

Mrs. George Wilson is visiting relatives at Mt. Pleasant and Flint.

Mrs. Henry Valance is caring for her sister, Mrs. Fred Greenman, who is very ill at her home northeast of town.

W. N. Gilbert of Bay City was in town Tuesday on business.

Millard Hopkins was in Ithaca last Tuesday on business.

Mrs. L. A. Carner entertained friends from Lansing the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leiter spent Thursday with relatives at Six Lakes. Miss Lucile Jerome of Alma spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Battles.

Mrs. E. F. Schnepf and children visited relatives at Forest Hill last week.

Miss Pauline Reed of Battle Creek has been the guest of Prof. D. D. Snider the past week, and was entertained during her stay here at the home of Mrs. Cora Nunn.

Dr. and Mrs. Highfield entertained relatives and friends from Port Lambton, Ontario, over the week end. Alexander Black was in Ithaca last Thursday on business.

Glenn Schnepf is gaining nicely from the accident which injured his foot so badly, while he was packing ice at Pontiac last week.

Mrs. Stanton and daughter, Mrs. Lyle Nelson, spent Saturday at Alma. Wm. Miller visited relatives near Summer several days last week.

Last Saturday was Tag Day for the Gratiot County Sunday School Association, which was quite a success. The proceeds will be used in organizing new Sunday schools throughout the county, and for the benefit of the Sunday schools now organized.

Don't forget to attend the Good Health meeting at the M. E. church Friday, February 10th. The Gratiot County nurse, Miss Hannah Ackerman, with two representatives of the State Board of Health will give talks.

Their time will be devoted to the smaller children in the forenoon, and in the afternoon they will address the parents, and older boys and girls. Scholars from nearby schools are requested to be present also.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scramlin north of town were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Britten Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freed, Friday, January 27, a son. Jack Moblo was in Alma Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Britten visited relatives at Alma last week.

L. D. Seitz spent Tuesday in Alma with his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Osborn.

Mrs. Frank Cleveland of Alma was a week end guest of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Johnson and son visited friends at Summer Sunday. R. E. Ross spent the week end with relatives at St. Louis.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Elwell M. E. church were entertained at the parsonage in Riverdale by Rev. and Mrs. Strong Wednesday, Feb. 8. The members of the Riverdale Aid Society were also invited guests, and a very enjoyable social time was spent by all. A pot luck dinner was served at noon.

BRECKENRIDGE

A very pretty wedding was solemnized, Wednesday afternoon, at four o'clock at the home of Mrs. Grace Steinhoff, when her daughter, Mildred, became the bride of Armin Conzelmann, of Frankenthuth, Mich. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Chas. H. Woods, pastor of the Free Methodist church, in the presence of a small company of the near relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

Mr. Charles Merrill, of Breckenridge and Mr. John Miner of Wheeler, have formed a copartnership and will open a new store in Breckenridge. They have secured the brick bank building formerly occupied by the Farmers' State Bank.

Mrs. Minnie Shaver has been teaching the eighth grade of our school this week, supply for Mrs. Poulson, who was called to care by the illness of her mother.

During the past three weeks the Rev. John Clemens has been delivering a series of sermons on the theme of "Worship," including the idea of the Place, Spirit, and Time of Worship. This series will continue for two or three weeks more Mr. Clemens announced last Sunday.

The Breckenridge high school boys basketball team accompanied by Supt. H. C. Poulson, went to Edmore, Friday night, and defeated the Edmore team in a clean, hard fought game on their own floor.

A surprise dinner for Postmaster Ernest Muscott was given in Masonic dining room recently by the four rural mail carriers and their families. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Muscott, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kean, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bailey. A fine chicken dinner was served and a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by all present.

James Hillock and wife of Wheeler were Breckenridge visitors Saturday. Miss Eva Ardis spent the week end with her sister, Agnes Ardis, who is a student at Alma College.

Mrs. L. S. Morey of Breckenridge left Sunday for Ann Arbor hospital where she is going to take eye treatments.

Dr. L. S. Morey and wife and Mrs. J. McCall motored to Edmore, last Wednesday, to visit friends, returning home Thursday.

Mr. Frank Oberst went to Detroit, Tuesday, with three carloads of stock. Mr. C. A. Zuhler returned to Ann Arbor hospital where he is receiving treatments.

TOWN LINE

Pat Whitcraft of Merle Beach spent Sunday and Monday with relatives and friends here.

Willis Lemon went to Merle Beach Sunday to visit relatives.

Claude Church and family autoed near Lansing Sunday and spent the day with friends.

George Ferris who has been visiting near Lansing and Carson City returned to his home near Forest Hill, Monday.

Frank Whitcraft and family spent from Monday till Wednesday night with relatives near Lansing.

George Jarrot and son Avery are moving on the Zumbirk farm.

Mrs. Fred Kyes entertained a company of lady friends on Monday afternoon.

Miss Lula Ellis is improving some at this writing.

Roy Raycraft has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Giles Isham has been entertaining her daughter, Mrs. Cora Vancore, of Pompeii.

Will Oman has moved to Alma. Gus Bryan of Alma spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker.

I. H. Church passed away at his home last week after several months' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley has been entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Goodwin of Ithaca. Frank and Purl Whitcraft and Geo. Shoemaker autoed to Farwell, Sunday afternoon.

Walter Mallory passed away at his home near Elwell, this week, after a few weeks' illness of pneumonia.

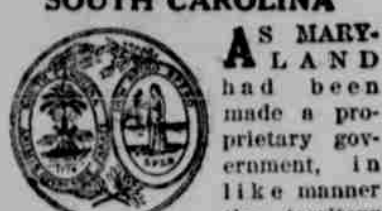
Henry Sandell was a caller in Alma, Thursday.

School began in Wright District, Monday, after two weeks vacation on account of the teacher's illness. Ernie Fenby of Alma was a caller in this vicinity Monday.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE

VIII.
SOUTH CAROLINA



AS MARYLAND had been made a proprietary government, in like manner the territory extending from Virginia to Florida was granted by Charles II in 1663 to eight gentlemen as a reward for their efforts in his behalf. The name Carolina comes from the Latin, Carolus, meaning Charles. It was not really named after Charles II, but originally in honor of Charles IX, king of France, by Huguenots who built a fort near Beaufort in 1662.

The fact that the Carolinas became later two distinct colonies was due to chance. It happened that the earliest settlements located at points far removed from each other. The first permanent settlements in South Carolina were about Charleston, while those in North Carolina were around Albemarle sound. The life in the two sections also was quite different. South Carolina was largely devoted to the cultivation of rice and indigo and the planters soon grew very rich with their large estates on which the labor was performed by slaves. In fact, just before the Revolution the population showed twice as many blacks as whites.

In 1729 the government of the Carolinas was turned back by the lord proprietors to the king and there was then formed the two separate provinces.

South Carolina was the eighth state to adopt the Constitution, the vote of ratification being passed in May, 1788. The Palmetto state, as South Carolina is sometimes called, extends over 30,089 square miles, and it participates in the presidential election to the extent of nine electors.

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WRIGHT SCHOOL

Matt and Freeman Johnson were called to Shepherd Monday to see their cousin who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metcalf entertained about 50 of their friends at a progressive pedro party Friday evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Fred Rockafellow and Elmer Muhn, and boogie prizes were awarded to Mrs. Roy Scott and Clyde Webb.

Mrs. Lizzie Church of Saginaw was called here Thursday to attend the funeral of her father-in-law, the late Mr. Church.

Mrs. Giles Isham entertained her mother from Brice one day last week. School opened Monday after two weeks vacation on account of the illness of the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Judy entertained company from Mt. Pleasant on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bigelow spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fink.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Muhn and son Wilson spent Sunday with her sister in St. Louis.

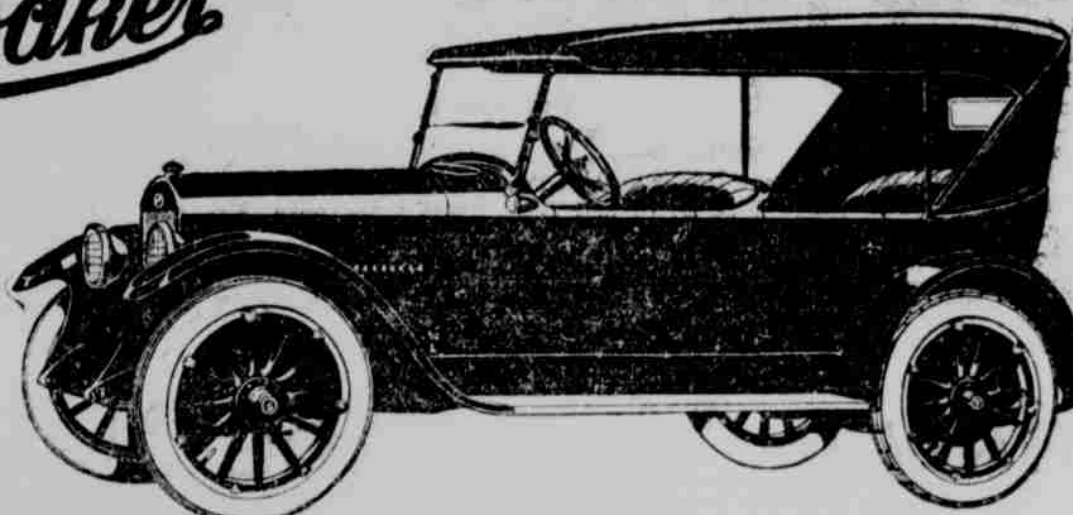
Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kress spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rockafellow.

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Touring.....1475
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Touring.....1785
Coupe (4-Pass.).....2500
Sedan.....2700

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